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**(54) AUTOMATIC TICKET
VENDING MACHINE**

(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To make settling fare adjusting operation efficient and improve convenience by reading magnetic information out of a ticket and performing a fare adjusting process having a wrong specified amount of money when the ticket is issued while given the magnetic information.

CONSTITUTION: A user inserts the railroad ticket, purchased by mistake, into a railroad ticket insertion slot for adjustment. A railroad ticket read part 16 reads the magnetic information out of the inserted railroad ticket. On the basis of the read magnetic information, a main control part 29 performs a deciding process for the handled railroad ticket. Namely, the main control part 29 decides whether or not the valid period of the issue date and issue time of the magnetic information is within a handling range, whether or not the issue station of the magnetic information is the same as the automatic ticket vending machine installation station, whether or not the kind of the ticket is registered, etc. The main control part 29 decides that 'the ticket can be handled' when all the decision conditions are met and makes a display prompting a choice between repurchase and refund as fare adjusting operation at a display part 1. Consequently, the user can perform the fare adjusting operation through the automatic ticket vending machine.

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